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Applicants: Samuel C. Silverstein et al.  
Serial No.: 09/658,698 Examiner: Amy DeCloux  
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For : A NOVEL METHOD FOR USING PHAGOCYTIC PARTICLES AND  
ATP RECEPTORS TO DELIVER ANTIGENS TO MHC CLASS I  
RECEPTORS TO INDUCE IMMUNITY AGAINST MICROBIAL  
PATHOGENS OR TUMORS OR TO SUPPRESS IMMUNITY

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 13, 2001 RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT AND PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is filed in response to the December 13, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 13, 2001 Office Action was originally due on January 13, 2002. Applicants hereby request a five-month extension of time from January 13, 2002 to June 13, 2002 for filing a response. The fee for a five-month extension of time for a small entity is \$980.00, and a check for this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required applicants to elect one distinct species in each of the following eight categories under 35 U.S.C. §121 in the event no generic claim is finally held allowable:

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